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This docket contains the following documents:

- 1. Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) letter (2-13-13) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) with attached list of tribes to be consulted concerning the Palen Solar Electric Generating System.
- 2. Site Vicinity Map and a PSEGS Facility Boundary Map. Each California Energy Commission Letter to each tribal entity also included two attached project maps; a Project Vicinity Map and a Project Site Map. However, this docket avoids redundancy by only providing one copy of each of the maps.
- 3. California Energy Commission letters (2-25-13) to each of the tribal entities listed in the NAHC letter. Because the Colorado River Indian Tribe provided two names under one address, the energy commission sent two letters to the Colorado River Indian Tribe. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has changed staff. Daniel McCarthy has replaced Ann Brierty and therefore, the California Energy Commission letter to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians was addressed to Daniel McCarthy. This docket contains 15 California Energy Commission letters to tribal entities.

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February 13, 2013

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Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File Search and Native American Contacts List for the Nalep Solar Project LLC, a subsidiary of BrightSource Energy, Inc. (Project was formerly known as Palen Solar I, LLC) located on approximately 5,200-acresmidway between the cities of Indio and Blythe in the Chuckwalla Mountains; eastern Riverside County, California

Dear Dr. Gates:

A record search of the sacred land file failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project. Also, the absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely.

/Dave Singleten/ Program Analysi

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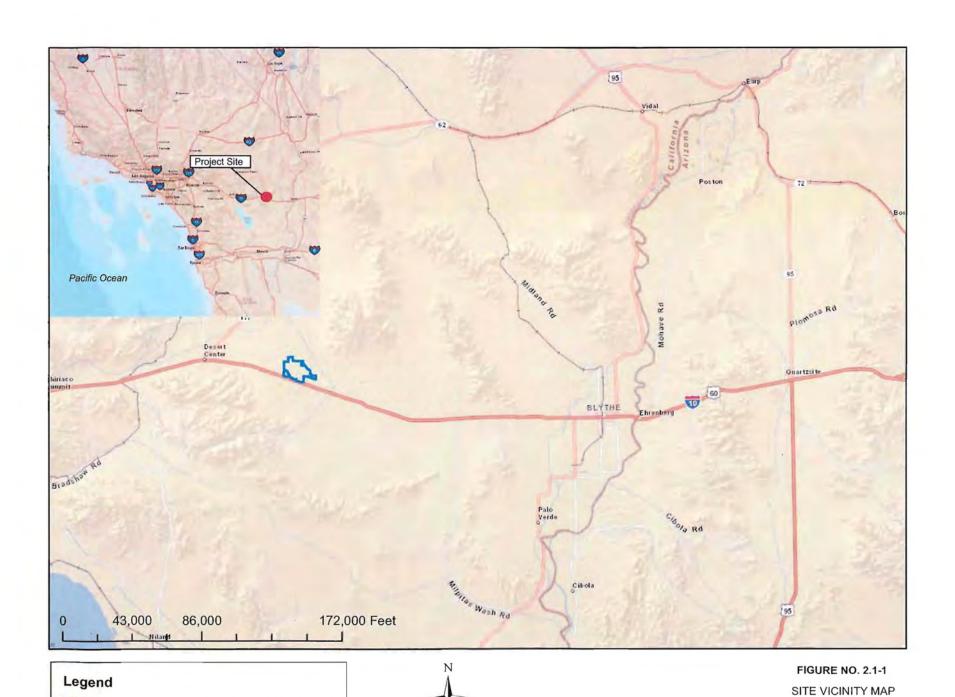
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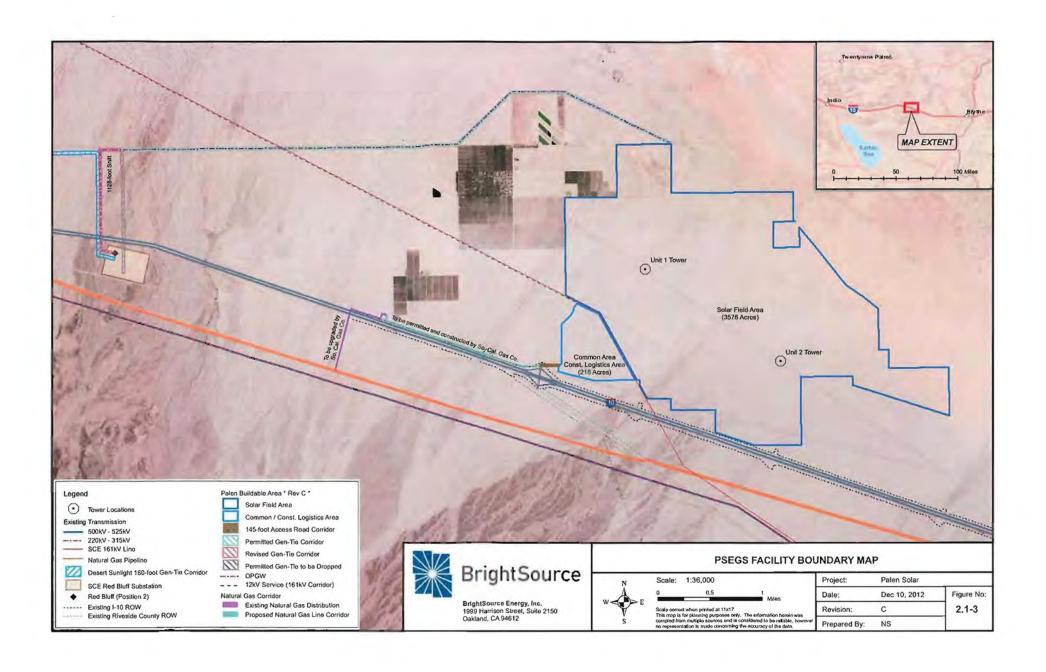
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Palen Solar Electric Generating System



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February 25, 2013

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RE: Palen Solar Electric Generating System (09-AFC-7C) - Invitation to Participate in California Energy Commission Tribal Consultation

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February 25, 2013

Linda Otero, Director AhaMaKav Cultural Society Fort Mojave Indian Tribe P.O. Box 5990 Mohave Valley, AZ 86440

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San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Daniel McCarthy, Director Cultural Resources Department 26569 Community Center Drive Highland, CA 92346

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Cabazon Band of Mission Indians Judy Stapp, Director of Cultural Affairs 84-245 Indio Springs Indio, CA 92203-3499

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For access to specific project amendment and supplemental information go to: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/2012-12-18 Pettition to amend TN-68910.pdf, and http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/supplement 1 pti/Supplement No 01.pdf.

Please consider reviewing the above referenced project information so that we can promptly proceed to meaningful dialogue that matches the pace of the project compliance process. Staff anticipates publishing its Preliminary Staff Assessment on the petition in May 2013. Staff will be following up this letter with phone calls to ascertain the tribe's level of interest.

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meeting, please contact Thomas Gates at (916) 654-5008; Fax: (916) 651-8868; or thomas.gates@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Site Vicinity Map